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A copy of the International Search Report (in English and in French) is attached, as well as each of the patents listed on Form PTO-1449 and the English language abstract or equivalent of each foreign language patent, as noted.

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